

**107th  
Quarterly Sessions  
of the  
Martin Association  
1993**



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**OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS OF THE  
MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**GENERAL OFFICERS - 1993/1994**

Moderator.....Rev. Dr. James Ursrey  
Assistant Moderator.....David Richardson  
Clerk/Treasurer.....Rev. Roger Russell  
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.....Bobby Richardson

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dr. James Ursrey  
Rev. Roger Russell  
Harvey Cox  
Jerry McNease  
Lynn Frazier

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Harvey Henderson - 1996  
Rev. Walter Daniels - 1994  
Rev. Talmadge Worsley - 1995

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Herbert Boyd - 1994  
Rev. Willie Dawson - 1995  
Billy Bush - 1996

**STATE BOARDS**

Board of Camping - Jerry McNease, 1995  
Board of Trustees - Walter Daniels, 1994  
Board of Christian Education - Lynn Frazier - 1995  
Board of Missions - Roger Russell - 1994

**PROGRAMS FOR MARTIN QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

**FIRST SESSION**

Mt. Glory, January 15, 1994, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Billy Adams  
Response.....Bro. Scott Roberts  
Devotional.....Bro. Charles Grimes  
Message.....Rev. Willie Dawson

**SECOND SESSION**

New Salem, April 16, 1994, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Claude Newsome  
Response.....Bro. Herbert Boyd  
Devotional.....Bro. David Richardson  
Message.....Rev. Roger Russell

**THIRD SESSION**

Thompson, August 6, 1994, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Olin Smith  
Response.....Bro. Lowell McNease  
Devotional.....Bro. Ed Miller  
Message.....Rev. Walter Daniels

**FOURTH SESSION**

New Home (MC), October 15, 1994, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Harvey Cox  
Response.....Bro. Emory Richardson  
Devotional.....Bro. Bobby Roberts  
Message.....Rev. James Ursrey

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION  
January 16, 1993**

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Donalsonville Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M. Brother Harvey Henderson led the songs, and Sister Ruth Russell was pianist for the day. After the opening song, Dr. Greame Savage led in prayer. Sister Edna Henderson gave the Association a warm welcome to Donalsonville Church, and Brother Terry McVey responded for the body. Brother Billy Bush delivered a great devotional message from Matthew 26:36-46.

The moderator, Dr. James Ursrey, called the meeting to order and recognized the standing delegates. The six ministers and fourteen deacons present then seated the elected delegates from the churches.

The minutes of the last Associational meeting were read and the financial report given and approved. The moderator called for old business and discussed the motion laid on the table last meeting to raise the benevolent fees received from the churches. He pointed out that it would not involve a constitutional change, but instructed the benevolent committee to offer any motion they desired to the resolutions committee.

The moderator recognized Brother Waid who gave a report of the State work. He also appointed the resolutions and the credentials committees. He adjourned the meeting for a ten minute recess.

After the meeting was reassembled, the moderator called for the reports of the standing and appointed committees, and boards.

Resolutions: Recommended that each church send one dollar per member per quarter for the benevolent fund.

Recommended that the Association assembled give a rising vote of thanks to the Donalsonville Church for hosting the meeting today. Both resolutions were accepted, and approved.

Ordaining: Recommended that Rev. Russell McAllister and Rev. David Harper be received on promise of a letter of good standing from their former Associations. They were given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator. Dr. Greame Savage was also welcomed to the Association pending necessary letters from his church and former Association. A letter of good standing was approved

to the Midway Association in behalf of Rev. William Smith.

Youth: A report was given by Brother Jerry McNease who also made a motion that Brother Billy Bush replace Rev. William Smith on the Youth Committee. The motion carried.

Credentials: The credentials report was given. There were eleven Churches reporting. There were 6 pastors present and fourteen deacons. The offering for the day amounted to \$166.00. The amount sent with the church letters was \$938.00.

Missions: Rev. Roger Russell gave the State Mission Board report and told the body that as of the first of 1993 the Dublin Church has been dropped from the board's support. He also told the body that part of the support for the North Augusta work by Rev. Larry Williams has been assumed for one year.

The Cecil Mock Banner was awarded to Mt. Glory with 58%, and Mothers Home with 17 present.

Following the receiving of the morning offering, the morning message was delivered by Rev. Harvey Henderson from Matthew 9:35-38, "Looking Through Jesus' Eyes".

After announcements were made, the session was adjourned in prayer to enjoy a delicious meal served by the host church.

The visitors for the day were Rev. Herbert Waid and his wife, Geraldine, Rev. David Harper, Rev. Russell McAllister, Dr. Greame Savage, Virginia Driggers, and Rev. Vandenburg of the State of Oklahoma who was holding revival services at Mothers Home.

**FINANCIAL REPORT.....For the First Quarter**

Beginning Balance.....	\$1911.79
Offerings and dues received.....	1104.00
Total on Hand.....	3015.69

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:**

Supply of Checks.....	\$ 10.10
Stamps.....	29.00
Printing of 1992 Minutes.....	603.75
Moderator and Clerk.....	30.00

Benevolent payments (5) @ 179.50.....	897.50
Georgia State Co-op and dues.....	116.50
Total expenditures	\$1686.85
Balance on hand 1/16/93.....	\$1328.94

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION  
April 17, 1993**

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the New Home Church, Decatur County at 10:00 A.M. The session opened with singing of the song "Joy Unspeakable" led by Brother Howard Scarborough. Sister Ruth Russell played the piano. Brother Talmadge Worsley led in prayer. The welcome from the New Home Church was given by Brother Mike Henry, and Brother Scott Roberts responded in behalf of the body. Brother Herbert Boyd gave the morning devotion and was a great blessing.

Following the devotion the Moderator called the business session to order by recognizing the standing delegates. He then called for the elected delegates to stand and called for a motion to seat them. The motion was carried. In attendance were ten ministers and seven minister's wives, sixteen deacons and six deacon's wives. There was one visitor present. The roll call of Churches revealed that all twelve were represented with sixty-six at the meeting. Total members 771.

The minutes were read and the financial report was read and approved by voice vote. There was no old business. New business began by the moderator appointing committees for the day. Credentials committee: Brother Lowell McNease and Brother Billy Adams. Resolutions Committee: Brother Walter Baxley and Brother Harvey Cox. All the standing committees and boards were asked to meet for business during a recess which the Moderator called immediately.

After the brief recess Brother Lynn Frazier gave the State Christian Education Board report. Brother Jerry McNease gave the State Camp Board report. The report of the Executive Board was given by the clerk. The Credentials committee report was given by

Brother Billy Adams. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Brother Walter Baxley. The Ordaining Council report was given by Brother Harvey Henderson. All the reports were received as information or by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was a meeting held April 16th, 1993 at Mt. Glory at 7:30 P.M. A motion was made to give \$200.00 each to three departments of our State and National work. The National Office building fund, the State Office building fund, the State Camp building fund.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT**

A letter of request from Mothers Home was received in behalf of Dr. Greame Savage, their pastor, that he be received into the Association pending a letter from his former Association. The Council made such a recommendation to the body after questioning Dr. Savage. The motion was made on the recommendation and adopted by the body.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Resolved to give the host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and the good food at lunch. Carried.

At 11:00 A.M. the worship service began with Brother Howard Scarborough leading the song, "Trust and Obey". Sister Cumbie played the piano for worship. Brother Walter Daniels led in prayer. The offering of \$70.00 was received, and Brother Paul Cumbie led in prayer. The special singing was by Brother Howard Scarborough and Rev. Bennie Cumbie brought the message from God's Word. After the service Brother Ursrey called on Brother Roger Russell to lead in prayer with a blessing on the food. The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. James Ursrey, Moderator  
Rev. Roger Russell, Clerk

**FINANCIAL REPORT.....**From January 16, 1993

Balance Brought Forward.....\$1328.94



**TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED:**

Dues 4/17/93.....	\$ 362.00
Ga. State Assoc. (Ministers Ret.).....	71.36
Offering.....	70.50
Benevolent Fund.....	640.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1083.86</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:**

Office Supplies.....	\$ 11.06
Camp Mt. Bethel Building Fund.....	200.00
State Office Building Fund.....	200.00
National Office Building Fund.....	200.00
Ga. State Assoc. Co-Op.....	109.90
Sis. J.J. Scott.....	165.80
Sis. L.D. Scott.....	165.80
Sis. W.S. Driggers.....	165.80
Sis. Bernice Mock.....	165.80
Rev. J.L. Williams.....	165.80
Moderator.....	5.00
Clerk.....	25.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1579.96</b>

BALANCE ON HAND..... \$ '892.84

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION**

**August 7, 1993**

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Mt. Gilead Church at 10:00 A.M. The session opened with a song led by Rev. Harvey Henderson. Sister Baxley played the piano. Rev. Willie Dawson led in prayer. Brother Tim Bellflower extended a warm welcome to those attending the session from the Mt. Gilead Church family. Brother Billy Bush responded for the Association. Brother Harvey Cox brought the devotional message from Psalm 1 which was a blessing to everyone present.

Brother David Richardson, Assistant Moderator, called the session to order for business. The standing delegates were asked to stand for recognition. The elected delegates were seated. Prayer for Rev. James Ursrey and the Worsley family whose 13 year old son was electrocuted on Friday was called for by the Moderator. There were 10 ministers and 7 minister's wives present. There were 14 deacons and 6 deacon's wives present.

The minutes and the financial report were given by the Clerk and approved by the body.

The Moderator appointed the following committees for the day: Resolutions, Hubert Cox and Richard McNease; Credentials, Claude Newsome and Tim Bellflower; Nominating, Lowell McNease and Frank Newberry; Program, Lynn Frazier and Billy Bush.

There was no old business.

New business: Brother Lynn Frazier gave the State Christian Education Committee report. Rev. Roger Russell gave the report of the State Missions work. Brother Claude Newsome gave the report of the Credentials Committee.

Brother Herbert Boyd made a motion that the Executive Committee be authorized by the body to draw up guidelines, to be included in the by-laws of the Association concerning who is eligible to receive benevolent funds. The motion carried.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley gave the Ordaining Council's report. Brother Richardson welcomed Rev. Bobby Whittaker back into the Association. He has just accepted the Mothers Home Church.

The business session was adjourned and the worship service began.

Rev. Harvey Henderson led the congregation in singing "Will Your Anchor Hold?". Sister Baxley played the piano. The youth of Mt. Gilead brought special music for the service. They were a special blessing. Rev. Walter Baxley delivered the worship message from Psalm 121.

After the worship service, the Moderator awarded the banners. Mt. Gilead won the banner for the most present. Mt. Glory won the banner for the greatest percentage present.

Motion made and carried to adjourn. Rev. Harvey Henderson gave the prayer of benediction and blessing.

### REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, upon receiving a letter from Mothers Home Church, met at their request with Rev. Bobby Whittaker to examine him for entrance in the Martin Association. We find everything in order, and recommend him to the fellowship of the Association pending a letter of good standing from his former Association.

We the Ordaining Council received a letter of request from the Donalsonville Church to examine Rev. Rollin Rathel. The request was referred back to the Church for their further consideration.

We, the Ordaining Council received a letter of request from Hebrew Church to meet with them at a time convenient for the purpose of ordaining Brother Billy Adams as a Deacon to serve their Church. The request will be granted at a time set by the Church.

Report by Talmadge Worsley  
Harvey Henderson

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that the Association delegates and visitors give the Mt. Gilead Church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality today.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee have compiled from the letters sent by the Churches the following report. There were 12 churches reporting. Total of dues sent with the letters was \$525.00. Total sent for benevolence was \$575.00. The total membership reported in the letters was 676, but there was no report of membership from 2 of the churches. Total present for the meeting today is 85 members and 2 visitors.

Report by Claude Newsome  
Tim Bellflower

**FINANCIAL REPORT**.....Balance from April 26, 1993...\$892.94

### TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED:

Dues (8/7/93).....	\$ 525.00
Benevolent Fund.....	575.00
Offering 8/7/93.....	87.30
Ga. State Assoc. (Min. Ret.).....	200.81
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1388.11</b>

### TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

Ga. State Assoc. (Co-Op and dues).....	\$ 239.00
Moderator.....	5.00
Clerk.....	25.00
Rev. J.L. Williams.....	214.80
Sis. J.J. Scott.....	214.80
Sis. L.D. Scott.....	214.80
Sis. W.S. Driggers.....	214.80
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1104.00</b>

BALANCE ON HAND.....1152.75

### MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION

October 16, 1993

The Fourth Quarterly Session of the Martin Association was held October 16th, 1993 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Colquitt, Georgia, beginning at 9:30 A.M. The Moderator called the meeting to order and called on Brother Robert Tully to lead the congregation in a song. Brother Lewis Williams led in prayer. Brother Robert Tully welcomed the Association to the Colquitt Church and Brother David Richardson gave the response. Brother Billy Bush brought the devotion of the morning from I Peter 3:8-18. His subject was "Why Bad Things Happen To Good People". The Moderator recognized the standing delegates and seated the elected delegates.

He recognized Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Thomas who were representing the National Home Missions Department. There were ten ministers and fifteen deacons present. All churches represented by letter and only one had no delegates or pastor at the meeting.

There being no old business, new business was called for. Brother Harvey Cox and Brother Bobby Roberts were appointed by the Moderator to serve on the Credentials Committee. Brother Bobby Richardson and Rev. Walter Daniels were appointed to the Resolutions Committee. The Moderator asked for reports from State Boards and Committees. Rev. Roger Russell gave the report of the State Mission Board. Brother Jerry McNease gave the State Camp Board report, and Brother Lynn Frazier gave the report of the Christian Education Board. Rev. Glenn Thomas then gave his report from the National Home Missions Department, and urged the pastors and leaders to get behind the Home Missions Sunday Offering in November.

After a short break the Moderator called for reports from the various committees. Brother Lynn Frazier gave the report of the Program Committee. Brother Lowell McNease gave the Nominating Committee report. Both reports were adopted. Delegates volunteering for the State Meeting were Sister Janet Baxley and Sister Ruth Russell. The Moderator may appoint another at the meeting by consent of the body. A motion was made by Brother Herbert Boyd to schedule the Quarterly Meeting in the churches by alphabetical order. Motion carried. The Credentials Committee report was given by Brother Harvey Cox and approved by vote. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Brother Bobby Richardson, and each one adopted. The host church was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. After a motion to adjourn the worship service began. Rev. Bobby Whittaker brought the message from Ephesians 2. After worship a delicious meal was enjoyed by all those present.

The resolution other than a rising vote of thanks for the host church was about K-Mart and Walden Books who are handling pornographic literature. It was resolved that we boycott them until such time as they change their policy.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

(From August 7, 1993 to October 16, 1993)

Balance brought forward.....	\$1052.85
Total monies received.....	<u>1515.90</u>
Total money to account for.....	2568.75

### RECEIPTS

Dues.....	\$ 687.50
Benevolent fund.....	506.00
From State Off. for Ben. Fund.....	99.90
Offering.....	80.00
Woman's Aux. for Minutes.....	50.00
Ministers and Deacon for Minutes.....	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$1515.90

### EXPENDITURES

State Off. for dues and Co-op.....	\$ 454.90
Mrs. J.J. Scott.....	229.50
Mrs. L.D. Scott.....	229.50
Mrs. W.S. Driggers.....	229.50
Rev. J. Lewis Williams.....	229.50
Rev. James Ursrey.....	5.00
Rev. Roger Russell.....	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$1427.90

Balance on hand (October 16, 1993)..... \$1140.85

## MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

OFFICERS 1993 - 1994

Moderator.....	Lynn Frazier
Assist. Moderator.....	Rev. Lewis Williams
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Claude Newsome
Song Leader.....	Rev. Roger Russell
Pianist.....	Ruth Russell



Brought Forward.....	\$ 98.17
Received.....	<u>117.76</u>
TOTAL.....	\$215.93

Expenditure for printing of Minutes.....	75.00
BALANCE.....	\$ 140.93

First Session, New Home (M.C.).....Jan. 14, 8:00 P.M.  
Second Session, Mothers Home..... April 15, 8:00 P.M.  
Third Session, Corinth.....Aug. 5, 8:00 P.M.  
Fourth Session, New Home (D.C.).....Oct. 14, 8:00 P.M.  
*Note: The host pastor will be responsible for the message  
and for submitting of someone to give the welcome. The  
moderator will appoint someone to give the response.*

Martin District Workshop, Thompson Church, April 21, 1994,  
7:00 P.M.

Martin District Convention, New Salem Church, September 17,  
1994, 9:15 A.M. 1994 Theme: "The Bible: Light On The Way"  
Psalm 119:105

Balance in Treasury (10-1-92)	\$ 139.91
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1992-93 Designated Giving	\$2010.00
1992 Convention Offering	32.00
1993 Spring Workshop Offering	37.00
Convention Dues (\$2.75 per member)	181.50
Convention Expenses	36.00
Total Receipts	\$2296.50

Total Available	\$2436.41
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Ga. State Woman's Auxiliary (Designated Giving)	\$2010.00
Dues to State Convention (\$2.50 per member)	165.00
Martin Assoc. - printing of mins.	50.00
Gift for convention speaker	25.00
Gift for workshop speaker	20.00
Total Payments	<u>\$2270.00</u>

Balance in Treasury (9-18-93)	\$ 166.41
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Allie Mae Richardson, Chairperson  
Phyllis Harper, Grace Nix

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Colquitt - 17             | 4. New Home - 10  |
| 2. Corinth - 10              | 5. New Salem - 14 |
| 3. Mt. Gilead - 7            | 6. Thompson - 8   |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 66</b> |                   |

Annual Treasurer's Report  
Allie M. Richardson - Treasurer  
October 1, 1992 to September 18, 1993

State Project.....	\$ 432.00
Debbie Griffin.....	360.00
Children's Home.....	300.00
Bishops.....	205.00
Pre-Easter Offering.....	150.00
Administrative Fee.....	90.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering.....	88.00
Crowsons.....	85.00
Emphasis Offering.....	80.00
Co-Laborer Offering.....	70.00
Provision Closet.....	50.00

Mark Barber.....	25.00
Dot Harvey.....	21.00
Westfield Indian Mission.....	21.00
Charlotte Tallent.....	15.00
Retired Ministers.....	12.00
Minute money.....	6.00
<b>TOTAL Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$2010.00</b>

# **MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

**September 18, 1993**

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at New Home Free Will Baptist Church (Miller Co.) on Sept. 18, 1993, with the theme of "The Grace of Giving."

Registration began at 9:15 a.m., and the meeting began at 9:45 a.m. with a congregational hymn, "Where He Leads I'll Follow," directed by Pam Roberts. Debra Middleton was pianist. Janice Ursrey led in prayer. President Margaret Ann Daniels gave an unofficial welcome. Seven ladies from New Home extended a special welcome to all their guests. Phyllis Harper brought the devotional on the blessings of having God as our friend (scripture from St. John 17) and closed with prayer.

Shirley Kimbrel gave highlights of WNAC 1993, sharing 4 resolutions that had passed and that the Auxiliary name and theme song had been changed. Next year the Convention meets at Little Rock.

President, Margaret Ann Daniels, opened the meeting for business. Pam Roberts gave the Credentials report, with 6 auxiliaries reporting. MSC to accept report as information. Standing delegates (local presidents) were recognized. MSC to seat the elected delegates. Visitors were recognized.

Report on Mission Study given by Grace Nix. She reported that 4 auxiliaries had a study through the year. She challenged each person to read the Bible through in a year.

Report on Mission Action given by Veda Bellflower. She shared projects that her local auxiliary had done. Suggestions made included: visiting the sick, supporting the youth camp, gifts for the Children's Home, sending cards and letters to our missionaries, adopting a missionary child. Each auxiliary was asked to donate

financially to the Children's Home. Veda reported \$200 already collected.

Report on Mission Prayer by Pam Roberts (in absence of the Mission Prayer Chairperson). Five posters representing our foreign missionaries from Georgia were displayed. Suggestion was made that each local auxiliary adopt a missionary family to especially pray for throughout the year. Margaret Ann challenged us to do better in the area of missions.

Allie Richardson gave the treasurer's report (with a balance in treasury of \$166.41) and finance committee report. MSC to accept reports. Total designated giving was \$2010.00.

Margaret Ann reminded us of our District Recipe Book. We are to give our recipes to Mission Action Chairperson, Veda Bellflower, to compile and have finished by Workshop time.

Jewella Lovering gave resolutions report for Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention. MSC to adopt resolution #1. MSC to adopt #2. MSC to adopt #12. MSC to adopt #13. MSC to adopt #14. Discussion on #15. MSC to adopt #15. MSC that resolution #16 be tabled (for notification purposes) until next meeting. Resolution #8 revised to read \$10.75 for each member instead of \$2.75. MSC to adopt #17, giving a rising vote of thanks to the host auxiliary. MSC to adopt #11, which automatically included resolutions 3 through 10.

Delegates to Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Standing delegates - president and field worker, Veda Bellflower, Janice Ursrey, Annie Lou Wells, Pam Roberts (if possible).

Beverly Clements gave Registration Committee report. Total attendance was 33, which included 27 members, 5 visitors, and 1 minister. Attendance award would be announced at end of meeting.

Debra Middleton gave Nominating Committee report: President - Margaret Ann Daniels; Vice President - Ruth Russell; Secretary - Pam Roberts; Treasurer - Allie Richardson; Field Worker - Vonnice Calhoun; Mission Study Chairperson - Grace Nix; Mission Action Chairperson - Veda Bellflower; Mission Prayer Chairperson - Lucille Lane. Margaret Ann asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. MSC to elect above slate of officers. The installation of new officers was led by Henrietta Brown.

Worship service opened with a hymn, "His Way with Thee." An offering was received. Special music was presented by Brooks Wade from Bellview Free Will Baptist Church. He sang "People Need the Lord" and "My House Is Full." Margaret Ann introduced the speaker, Mrs. Patsy Richardson from Colquitt United Methodist Church. Mrs. Richardson spoke on "Grace" and the ways we receive God's grace, and explained the grace of our giving, based on the Holy Scripture. She left with us the final thought, "God's riches at Christ's expense."

The attendance award was presented to Thompson Woman's Auxiliary, having the highest percentage of members present (50%). The minutes were read. MSC to adopt.

Announcements were made. Our state treasurer, Janet Baxley, was recognized. The meeting dismissed in prayer by Janet Baxley.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Roberts

## OBITUARY REPORT

### CORINTH

Mrs. Opie Swanner

### DONALSONVILLE

Mrs. Eula Harlow

### HEBREW

Brother Fred Ingram (Deacon)

Sister Queen E. Croom

### HIGHWAY

Rev. C.W. Harrell

Mrs. W.A. Addison

Mrs. Bessie Brodgon

### NEW HOME (Miller County)

Mrs. Claude Roberts

Lewis Melton

### THOMPSON

Mrs. Burnice Mock

### NEW SALEM

Mr. Wallace Newberry

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
COLQUITT	Rev. David Harper 114. E. Bremond St. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-6579	Sis. Thelma Lovering 201 Bremond St. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-3549
CORINTH	Rev. Talmadge Worsley P. O. Box 266 Iron City, Ga. 31759 774-2513	Sis. Helen Wiggins 308 W. Tenth Street Donalsonville, Ga. 31745 524-5842
DONALSONVILLE	Rev. Rollin Rathel Rt. 3, Box 351-B Donalsonville, Ga. 31745 758-5188	Sis. Edna Hagler Rt. 1, Box 110-L Donalsonville, Ga. 31745 524-2671
HEBREW	Rev. Harvey Henderson Rt. 3, Box 23 Donalsonville, Ga. 31745 524-8460	Sis. Doretha Stewart Rt. 2, Box 149 Donalsonville, Ga. 31745 861-3171
HIGHWAY		Sis. Scarborough Scott Rt. 1, Box 805 Brinson, Ga. 31725 246-1978
MOTHERS HOME	Rev. Bobby Whittaker Rt. 2, Box 432 Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-6550	Sis. Willine Musgrove Rt. 2, Box 386 Colquitt, Ga. 31737 246-7735
MT. GILEAD	Rev. Walter Baxley P. O. Box 268 Cedar Springs, Ga. 31723 732-4590	Bro. Herbert Boyd Rt. 1, Box 1150 Brinson, Ga. 31725 246-0498
MT. GLORY	Rev. Willie Dawson Rt. 5, Box 81 Havana, Fl. 32333 (904) 627-3259	Sis. Ethel Newberry Rt. 5, Box 228 Quincy, Fl. 32351 (904) 856-5134
NEW HOME (M. C.)	Rev. James Ursrey Rt. 5, Box 273 Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-2330	Bro. Scot Roberts Rt. 5, Box 192 Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-5335

NEW HOME (D. C.)	Rev. Benny Cumbie Rt. 2 Climax, Ga. 31734 246-2046	Bro. Wayne T. Scott Rt. 2, Box 1715 Climax, Ga. 31734 246-8685
NEW SALEM	Rev. Roger Russell Rt. 5, Box 29 Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-2559	Bobby Richardson Rt. 4, Box 276-C Blakely, Ga. 31723 758-2659
THOMPSON	Rev. Walter Daniels Rt. 1, Box 45 A Iron City, Ga. 31759 758-3840	Bro. Louie Grimes Rt. 3, Box 52 Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-2102
MARTIN ASSOC.	MODERATOR: Rev. James Ursrey Route 5, Box 273 Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-2330	CLERK: Rev. Roger Russell Route 5, Box 52 Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-2559



## CONSTITUTION MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### PREAMBLE

We, the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia, do establish and ordain this Constitution for the purpose of advocating, promoting, and increasing our fellowship with one another as fellow members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God through the preaching of the Gospel of the divine Son of God.

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME:

This Association shall be called the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

### ARTICLE II

#### COMPOSITION AND DELEGATES:

Section 1. This Martin Association shall be composed of its general officers, all ordained and licensed ministers of Gospel, all ordained deacons who are in good standing with the churches of which they are members, duly elected delegates from the local churches comprising the Association, and all Home and Foreign Missionaries who are members in good standing with a church belonging to this Association.

Section 2. Local churches shall be allowed two (2) delegates for the first fifty members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEETINGS:

The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly in January, April, August, and October, on Saturday following the

## FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT

	COLOURIT	CORINTH	DIVILE	HEBREW	HIGHWAY	MOTHERS HOME	MT. GLEAD	MT. GLORY	New Home (M.C.)	New Home No. 2	NEW SALEM	Thompson	TOTALS
No. of Baptisms	1		2	2	5	3	16		9	4	1	2	25
Members Added	2		4	2	3	8		4	9	5	1	4	42
Members Lost	2	1	4	2	3	8				3	1	1	26
Total Members	114	103	21	28	31	131	52	19	120	55	97	62	829
No. of Ordained Ministers	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	14
No. of Licensed Ministers		1							1				2
No. of Ordained Deacons	4	2		4	1	6	1		6	5	8	3	40
S. S. Enrollment	59	20	15	15	18	60	45	7	51	42	57	50	412
C. T. S. Enrollment				10			30					40	105
W. A. Enrollment	17	10		15			8		10		14	10	84
M. M. Enrollment													
Total Tithes & Offerings	29,012	22,200	11,161	7,841		33,518	22,712		43,266		34,478	41,556	245,744
Value of all Church Property	327,000	140,000		60,000		272,000	100,000		250,000	70,000	200,000	300,000	1,689,000

second Sunday of these months, except the August meeting, which shall be held on the first Saturday in August, the place of meeting to be determined by vote of the Association. It shall be the duty of the member churches to represent by letter and delegates at these meetings and report their condition and statistics on forms provided by the Association. The October session shall be considered the annual session of this Association.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### INDEPENDENCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES:

Every church in this Association shall be considered an independent body and shall control its own internal affairs, having unrestricted rights to administer its own government without interference from any higher body, being under Christ essentially free and independent.

#### ARTICLE V

##### ASSOCIATIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE LOCAL CHURCHES:

The Martin Association shall be considered an advisory board whose function is to meet quarterly at such places as may be determined according to Article III of this Constitution, and not to adjourn formally until all pertinent matters are disposed of. While in session its duty shall be to examine all question of interest to this Association and to use its best influence to promote Christian, denominational, and benevolent programs and institutions, such as Sunday Schools Church Training Service, Woman's Auxiliary, Masters Men, Home and Foreign Missions, and child-care institutions. The only punitive power this Association has in relation to the member churches is the right to withdraw fellowship from such churches who are in open violation of the rules and regulations of said association or who become unsound in the doctrines and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### OFFICERS:

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of the October session and assume the duties of their offices the next day following their election.

Section 2. No individual shall be elected to more than one office at a time.

Section 3. The Moderator and the Clerk-Treasurer may not serve more than three (3) terms in succession.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### PROCEDURES FOR JOINING THE ASSOCIATION:

A church desiring to become a member of Martin Association shall submit a petitionary letter to the Association at any of its regular quarterly sessions, stating the date and place of organization, the Pastor's name and address, list of all elected officers, number of members, and time and place of regular meetings. The church must conform to the doctrines, and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination as set forth in the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

This Association reserves the right to send its Executive Committee to investigate any applicant for membership in this Association if it deems necessary and to subsequently act on the report of said Executive Committee before approval for membership becomes final.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### FINANCE:

Section 1. It is suggested that each church comprising this Association send to the Association on a quarterly basis fifty cents (50¢) per member to be determined on a total membership basis. However, at the discretion of the churches, inactive members need not be in the per-capita figure, but it is hoped that the churches will

elect to include all members, active and inactive, in determining their total fee.

Section 2. Regular funds to the Associational treasury shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis as follows:

- A. Retain in the treasury fifty (50) dollars.
- B. State Association, fifteen (15) dollars.
- C. For printing Minutes, one hundred ten (110) dollars.
- D. Moderator's Honorarium, five (5) dollars; Clerk's Honorarium, twenty-five (25) dollars for three sessions and fifty (50) dollars for the annual session.
- E. The remaining funds will be allocated as follows; State Cooperative Program, 70% - Benevolent Fund, 30%.

## ARTICLE IX

### COMMITTEES, BOARD, COUNCIL:

1. Committees may be chosen for any particular function at any session of the Association as the need arises. Unless otherwise specified, the Moderator shall appoint these committees.

Section 2. Standing Committees may be set up by the Association as the need arises and unless otherwise specified, the Moderator shall appoint these committees.

Section 3. The Standing Committees of this Association shall be the Executive Committee and the Investigating Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and three (3) member to be elected annually by the Association. The Executive Committee shall act for and in behalf of the Martin Association on matters pertaining to its interests which may arise between sessions and which by their nature require immediate action. Such actions shall however, be subject to final approval by this Association at its next regular session and consequently must be reported in full to the Association at its regular meeting.

The Investigating Committee shall consist of three (3) members who shall be elected as follows: one for a three (3) year term; one for a two (2) year term; and one for a one (1) year term. Election thereafter shall be for the three (3) year term. This Committee shall act on instruction from the Association in investigating any irregularities among the churches which threaten the harmony and well

being of the Association. It shall have no legislative or jurisdictional powers within itself, but must report all its findings to the Association for official action.

Section 4. There shall be an Ordaining Council consisting of three (3) ordained ministers in good standing with Martin Association. They shall be elected as follows: one for a three (3) year term; one for a two (2) year term; and one for a one (1) year term. Election thereafter shall be for the three (3) year term.

\*The Ordaining Council shall examine candidates for ordination to the Gospel ministry under the procedures adopted by this Association.

## ARTICLE X

### ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution may be altered or amended by the Martin Association at any of its regular sessions by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed alteration or amendment be presented in writing, filed with the Clerk of the Association, and read publicly before the Body at least two (2) times at a previous regular meeting.

## BY-LAWS

### MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. It is recommended that each church close its books on Sept. first and mail the quarterly and annual reports to the clerk two weeks before each session of the Association.
2. It is suggested that the Pastoral year begin September first.
3. All business of this Body shall be conducted according to established parliamentary procedures as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.
4. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave from the Moderator, and no member shall leave the Association without the consent of the Body.

5. The Sunday School Convention, Church Training Service Rally, Ministers and Deacons Conference, Womans Auxiliary, and any other Auxiliary of this Association shall give an annual written report at the October meeting.

6. Obituary reports from each church should give name, date of birth, and date of death of deceased members in the annual report to the Association. This information will be given to the Resolutions Committee.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the meeting to order and to maintain order and harmony.

8. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence or upon the request of the Moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk-Treasurer to keep a minute of the proceedings and to prepare the Minutes for publication, including all items of business, committee reports, and all other matters which effect the program of this Association.

10. The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall perform such duties as are incumbent on the Clerk-Treasurer in his absence or upon the request of the Clerk-Treasurer.

11. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular session.

## CONSTITUTION ON MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Seeing the need of greater love, fellowship and understanding among our Ministers, also the unifying of our visions and working for greater cooperation, we do hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

1. Name: This shall be known as the "Ministerial Conference of Martin Association of Original Free Will Baptist."

2. We adopt the Treatise of Faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist as our standard to look to and pray for the day when we may be more united.

3. The officers of the Ministers Conference shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk and other officers as may be deemed necessary.

4. The officers shall be elected on nomination by acclamation at each annual session.

5. This Conference shall be composed of all ordained and licensed Ministers and Deacons in good standing of the Martin Association.

6. The Clerk shall be paid \$5.00 per annum for preserving and editing the minutes of the Conference.

7. The Ministers Conference is not a court to try nor to air out the faults of the Ministers and Deacons. If they are in good standing with the Martin Association, they are in good standing with the Ministers Conference. This is to be a meeting of fellowship, inspiration and brotherly love.

8. Any other ministers and deacons who are in good standing with the Free Will Baptist Church will be accepted as honorary members when visiting with the Conference.

9. This Constitution may be amended or altered at any meeting by two-thirds (2/3) majority voting.



## FREE WILL-BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.